

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

I. Claims 1-100, drawn to a heating element and patient warming device comprising such a heating element; and

II. Claims 101 and 102, drawn to a method for controlling the temperature of a personal warming device.

In addition, the Examiner requested an election of species from the following groups:

Species A: Flexible heating elements with interwoven conductive strands including strands having a conductive portion formed over a core portion (and patient warming devices comprising such heating elements) (claims 1-28, 46-49, 55-72, 78, 79, 88-93, and 96).

Species B: Flexible heating element with conductive path comprising conductive ink applied to the substrate (claims 52 and 53).

Species C: Flexible heating element with conductive path comprising conductive film applied to the substrate (claim 54).

In response, the applicants elect Group I, Species A, without traverse. Non-elected claims 52-54, 101 and 102 have been withdrawn.

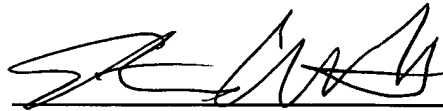
Currently, the Examiner has indicated claims 29-45, 50, 51, 73-77, 80-87, 94, 95, and 97-100 are generic. Accordingly, the applicants have elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-51, and 55-100.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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